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# THE HALLMARK IS BIGGER

## Help Make It Better

Maybe you've noticed.

This month's issue of THE HALLMARK is a little larger than usual. We're a little more colorful lately too. (Look at the greenery on Larry Smith's cover illustration.)

We began our second year of publication last month with a new printing contractor and now are able to use some color in the magazine and print up to 24 pages in any single issue.

Last month was our first attempt at color and with this issue we embark, fearlessly, on our maiden voyage with color and 24 pages.

It's a good idea to have a 24-page magazine. (That's an eight-page increase over our previous standard 16 pages.)

We can talk about more people in the Agency, we can exchange more ideas, and we can present more items of information entertainment and guidance. In short, we have a chance to stretch out a little.

But with the increase in pages arises a problem that becomes evident when the copy deadline nears.

Here it is: THE HALLMARK needs material, a lot of it, and we need it from you. Whether stationed in some remote outpost or here at Headquarters, every member of the command is welcome to submit articles for possible publication. It is your magazine and it's published for you.

You're also encouraged to write THE HALLMARK letting us know what kind of articles you like and what subjects you think are better left unsaid. You can write a "Letter to the Editor," that can take the form of the angry young man, the bouquet-passer or something in-between.

If you have an article or item for possible publication, we suggest you first contact your unit's THE HALLMARK reporter or information specialist. He will be able to help with some editorial guidelines.

However, if you cannot talk to one of these persons send the material in anyway. Our address is in the masthead—that shaded column on this page.

What are we interested in? Just about anything, ranging from reports on the unit bowling league to stream-of-consciousness essays. And you do not have to be a professional writer.

Because of the nature of the command and our physical limitations we can't promise to print everything we receive. Besides, that's not good journalism.

But we do print a good percentage of the material that comes into our office. Furthermore, as our capacity for more pages increases so should this percentage.

Now THE HALLMARK is bigger. We can stay bigger and, with your help, get better.

Send us something and watch what happens.

**OUR COVER**—Headquarters illustrator SP4 Larry E. Smith depicts the headquarters building at Field Station Bad Aibling with the wash, line and tone technique.

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# Communication(s) Key To Kagnev Celebration

Amid displays of the most sophisticated hardware of the new "McLuhan age," members of USASAFS, Asmara in Ethiopia and some 20,000 local residents got down to the plain, old-fashioned medium of "just talking" during the field station's observance of Armed Forces Day May 24.

The entire program revolved around the theme, "Communications for Peace," with opportunities provided the visitors not only to learn something of the installation's complicated electronic machinery, but also (and perhaps more importantly) something of the men who sit behind these machines.

The observance of Armed Forces Day at Kagnev Station has traditionally been deferred one week, so that the anniversary of the field station's treaty with the Ethiopian government—May 23—might be celebrated simultaneously. Consequently, military pomp and precision rubbed elbows with all the gaiety and frivolity of a county fair.

The Joint Services Non-Commissioned Officers' Awards and Review Ceremony was conducted in addition to a PTA carnival with its traditional games of skill and chance, refreshment stands, and not-so-traditional camel rides.

Displays were designed to acquaint the Ethiopian nationals with the wide range of activities carried out at Kagnev Station. The fire brigade of the Post Engineers put on an enjoyable fire fighting demonstration, while STRATCOM's teleprinter typed out pictures of Haile Selassie I for dis-

tribution to the spectators.

The Air Force weather contingent at the installation provided a unique perspective of the surrounding countryside with its display of composite shots of North and East Africa taken by the Nimbus 3 weather satellite.

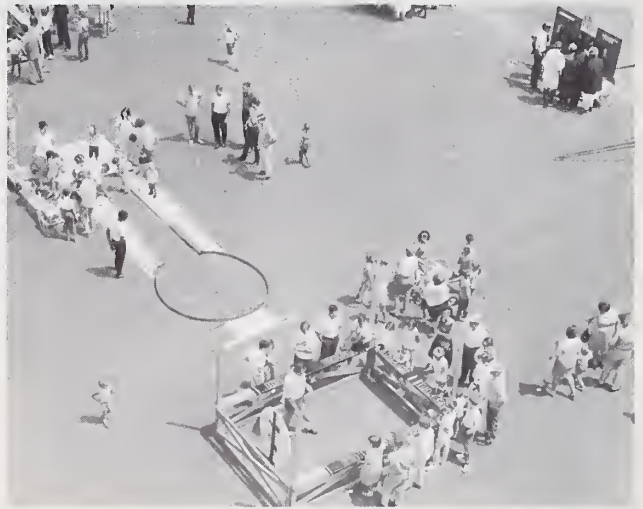
Personnel at the station also made an attempt to acquaint the Asmara residents with a wider view of American life in general. Such American staples as softball, basketball, the latest dance craze, hamburgers, hot dogs and cokes were received enthusiastically by the Ethiopians.

Events of the day were reported by the Italian language weekly and daily newspapers in the area. *Il Quotidiano Eritreo*, the daily newspaper, noted that "Armed Forces Day which Kagnev Station celebrated yesterday was very successful . . . favorably captivating the attention of the public."

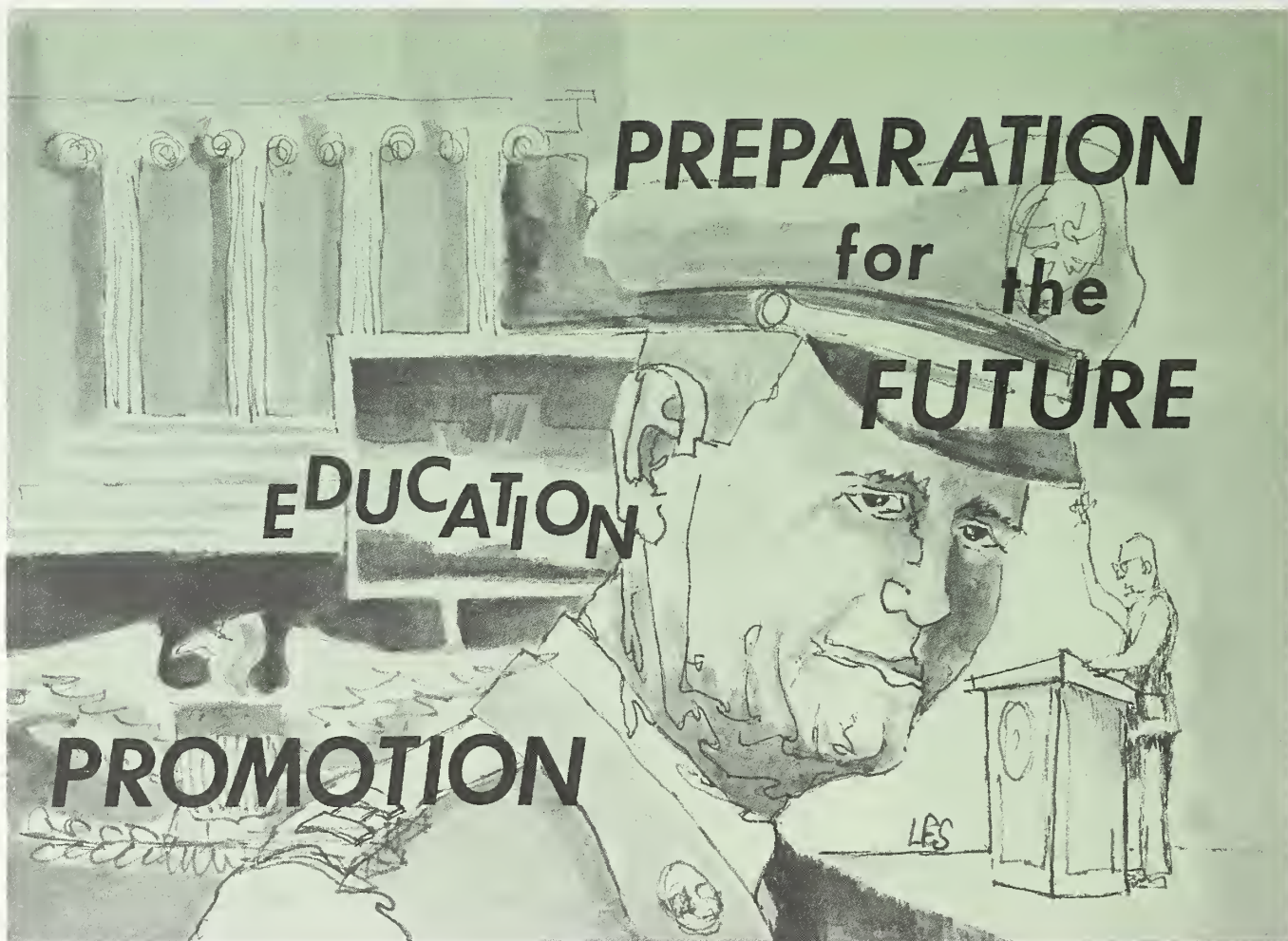
The weekly *Il Mattino del Lunedì* provided perhaps the best indication of the extent of the day's success, when they concluded: "All in all a pleasant show even if it leaves one rather surprised at noticing marches performed by completely weaponless soldiers, a fact which leads you to infer that in this way also the United States of America intended to give further proof of its desire for peace."



A young dependent, top photo, explains the operation of the post-hole digger to young visitors at Kagnev Station. Middle, an aerial view of the "midway" at the PTA Carnival. Bottom, Post Commander COL George R. Hamer serves as review officer at NCO Awards and Review Ceremony.







# **The MI Officer Advanced Course:**

**An Essential Step  
In Your Career  
Development**

**By CPT Norman K. Chung  
Instructor, USAINTS**

Every Military Intelligence Branch officer who intends to make the service a career will normally attend the MI Officer Advanced Course between the third and eighth year of commissioned duty. This is a fact of Army Life.

Recent developments have changed the previous pattern of school in which Army Security Agency and Army Intelligence officers attended career courses at Ft. Devens and Ft. Holabird, respectively.

A recommendation by the Haines Board approved by the Department of the Army in June 1966, allowed for the integration of career advanced courses taught at the Intelligence School. Soon after, planning was oriented along these lines at USAINTS. Initial plans called for a course to begin every nine months, with the first class of 150 officers beginning in July 1967.

While the first course was in progress, DA became increasingly aware of a backlog of officers waiting for successive courses. A solution was needed to permit a larger number of officers to attend. This solution, which is still in effect today, was to begin a new 75-man class each quarter of the fiscal year until the backlog could be eliminated.

*"The course is designed to upgrade the MI Officer's professional qualifications in the areas of command, supervision and management . . .*

The course itself is designed to upgrade the MI officer's professional qualifications in the areas of command, supervision and management. It helps him to develop a broader comprehension of the U.S. National Defense Organization; U.S. Army doctrine, organization and combat operations; and the organization, mission and function of MI relative to them.

While training him, the course also gives an officer a base upon which to build a larger education. The course does not produce an MOS nor provide specific cross training in any area.

Thirty-seven weeks long, the MI course is divided into 12 instruction phases. The phases, with subject matter, are described in the table below.

**PHASE I**—Five weeks. National intelligence structure, assets available to MI officer for performing his mission. Introduction to all MI specialties, including instruction in counter-intelligence, cryptology, imagery interpretation, combat intelligence and strategic intelligence. Many guest speakers from national intelligence organizations.

**PHASE II**—Five weeks. Instructions in CBR weapons and employment, military science and tactics, command and staff duties, MI support bodies for tactical forces.

**PHASE III**—Five weeks. Participation in division-level map exercises utilizing techniques and procedures of PHASE I and PHASE II.

**PHASE IV**—Two weeks. Participation in effective speaking program by the student's briefing his previously-prepared and graded staff study. Instruction in automatic data processing systems and operation research and systems analysis, also management concepts and procedures.

**PHASE V**—Two weeks. Practical exercise in applying intelligence assets in support of field army/corps level operation, with emphasis on planning and supervision of collection and processing units.

**PHASE VI**—One week. Application of MI planning, procedures and techniques of internal development and defense, using the individual brigade in stability operation as training vehicle. Psychological and civic actions relative to MI activities.

**PHASE VII**—Eight weeks. Instruction in foreign army order of battle and intelligence services; personnel and records management; unit readiness; training and maintenance procedures; intelligence supplies and combat developments; military law and justice; special investigative techniques; air defense. Field trips to U.S. Army Map Service, Vint Hill Farms, Ft. Richie and an Army Air Defense site.

**PHASE VIII**—One week. MI organizations and assets of the theater commander, planning factors considered in joint operations.

**PHASE IX**—Three weeks. Communism, comparative government, extremist groups, constitutional law, industrial and personnel security programs.

**PHASE X**—Two weeks. Current status of plans and operations on civil defense, disturbances, disaster relief. Organization and function of U.S. Army Intelligence Command.

**PHASE XI**—Two weeks. Student presents strategic surveys on various countries, thereby receiving effective speaking experience and a thorough update on existing conditions in countries of interest. Instruction in unified and specified commands and development proposals in the Army and intelligence during the 1975 time frame.

**PHASE XII**—Final week. Examinations and graduation. Exams: map reading, basic intelligence, nuclear weapons, tactics, mid-term, ADPS, management, general subjects, military law, political science, constitutional law, final comprehensive exam.

After completing the course, the MIO is expected to be able to function in any area of intelligence—command or staff, combat or strategic, cryptologic or counterintelligence. ASA MI officer assignments range from battalion S2s in Southeast Asia to ASAPAC and ASAEUR to high-level staff slots in DA and DOD.

The military intelligence course is a necessary and positive step in career development, preceding promotions, higher command and staff positions and more military schooling. For further information, write to: Commandant/U.S. Army Intelligence School/ATTN: Advanced Course Department/Ft. Holabird, Md. 21219.

*. . . while training him, the course also gives an officer a base upon which to build a larger education."*



COL Robert W. DesJarlais, left, commanding officer of TC&S, purchases his tickets to the New Christy Minstrels concert from CSM Anthony J. Cincotta, TC&S. Proceeds from the concert, held in July, went to the USASA Benefit Association. Next month THE HALLMARK will feature a pictorial report on the New Christy Minstrels' appearance.





# pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



## VIETNAM

SP5 Kay A. Ihara, stationed with the 330th Radio Research Co., Pleiku, must be blowing several GI and Vietnamese minds with his set of bagpipes and kilts bought recently in Scotland while on extension leave. Ihara, a native of Olympia, Wash., always hoped as a boy to have some bagpipes and kilts. After his first attempt at playing the pipes, Ihara admitted: "Boy, I need a lot of practice."

SP5 Ihara keeps the Central Highlands alive with the sound of music.

Since his initials are K.A.I., THE HALLMARK can only assume Ihara is out to become another Kai "Winding."



**BG Godding, right, presents MAJ Clyde L. Motes, CO of the 146th Aviation Company with safety certificate. (See story below.)**

BG George A. Godding, former ASAPAC Chief, gave official recognition to the outstanding safety record of the 146th Aviation Company on a recent RVN inspection trip of commands in the 509th Radio Research Group.

BG Godding gave the company its second Certificate of Achievement for aerial flight safety while in support of counter-insurgency tactical forces.

The 146th has amassed over 27,000 safety-conscious flying hours in the III Corps RVN Tactical Zone.

## GERMANY

CO LTC Joseph D. Howard recently turned over the reins at USASAFS Herzo in a parade field ceremony before the combined elements of the Field Station and the 318th Battalion.

The new CO is MAJ Clarence H. Leibenguth, who came to Herzo from the 507th USASA Group at Augsburg, where he served as S-2.

Prior to a tour in Vietnam, LTC Howard will attend St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kans., to complete his degree work.

In another Herzo command change, MAJ Richard E. Barr, S-3, USASAE, became the new executive officer

when MAJ Glenn Feagin was re-assigned to Bad Aibling.

A six-months' anniversary show was recently held at Bad Aibling's post gym by the Audio-Shoppe featuring displays, door prizes and gifts.

Also during the event, various pieces of photography equipment were displayed as a prelude to the grand opening a few days following the show of the combined Bad Aibling Audio/Photo Shoppe.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Eight reserve ASA units, with more than 370 enlisted men and 30 officers, received annual active duty practical refresher training at Ft. Devens' USASATC&S recently.

Among the units were the 505th and 506th ASA Dets from Boston, the 198th ASA Det from Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., the 342d ASA Co from Baltimore, the 397th ASA Co from East Point, Ga., the 200th and 201st ASA Special Operations Dets from Maywood, Calif., and the 197th ASA Special Ops Det from Staten Island, N.Y.



**GEN William C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, inspects the authentic musket of SP5 Gregory L. Drais, member of the TC&S Continental Platoon. (Photo by SP4 Paul H. Ankney, Ft. Devens)**





LTC Robert J. Greiner, left, salutes during a parade at Helemano, Hawaii, honoring his retirement as USASAPAC Inspector General. LTC Greiner, who ended 26 years service in May, was presented a Legion of Merit Award by former PAC Chief, BG George Godding. (Photo by SP5 Harold L. Miller)

MAJ William G. Isom recently received his masters degree in education from Fitchburg State College.

MAJ Isom, who planned to serve a tour in Vietnam beginning the end of June, won the degree while serving as an instructor in Department 5 at the TC&S at Ft. Devens, where he had been assigned for two years.

Dr. C. L. John Legere, educational consultant at TC&S, was recently commended in ceremonies at HQ, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., as a result of a series of training consultant sessions he ran for the Marines while "on loan" from the Army.

Dr. Legere, a DA civilian, was praised for his "personal dedication and expertise."

## TEXAS

The Agency's TC&S Detachment at Goodfellow Air Force Base is apparently bent on making more than a "pint-sized" contribution to the base-wide "Operation Life" blood donor program at Goodfellow.

Since joining the program in October 1968, the unit has been draining veins at a record pace. Up to May of this year alone, the unit has donated more than 300 pints of blood in the program, getting \$6 per pint for the Detachment Blood Fund. Donations from the Fund have been given to the USASA Benefit Association, United Fund, Combined Federal Appeal and needy individuals in the San Angelo area.

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So freely has the blood flowed from the TC&S Detachment that the unit even surpassed the 6941st Squadron in the January count, giving the 6941st its first monthly defeat since the "Operation Life" program started in January 1967.

The Goodfellow detachment has about 64 permanent party and about 150 students.

## FLORIDA

USASAFS Homestead is now boasting three Chief Warrant Officers with a total accumulation of 71 years military service.

CW4 Addis R. McPherson holds the lead among the three with 28 years service, while CW4 Robert E. Jackson (newly assigned) follows with 22 years and CW4 Kenneth R. Lowe is close on the heels of Jackson with 21 years in.

Few units can make such lengthy claims. Can yours?

SMA George W. Dunaway, below, reviews the FS Bad Aibling Honor Guard immediately after his arrival in May for a tour of the installation. During his visit, the Army's top EM conferred with the CO, LTC Norman Templeton, and the FS CSM Lee Strikeleather, addressed troops and looked over the facilities.



One of the highlights of the annual German-American Friendship Week at FS Herzogenaurach is the "Beer Fest." Above, Herzo XO MAJ Glenn W. Feagin and Herr Hans Meiere, Bergermeister of the town, enjoy pizza with their beer.



This past Memorial Day the Arlington Hall Station Post Engineers placed a commemorative wreath on the NCO Memorial, dedicated to those Agency Men who have died in combat.





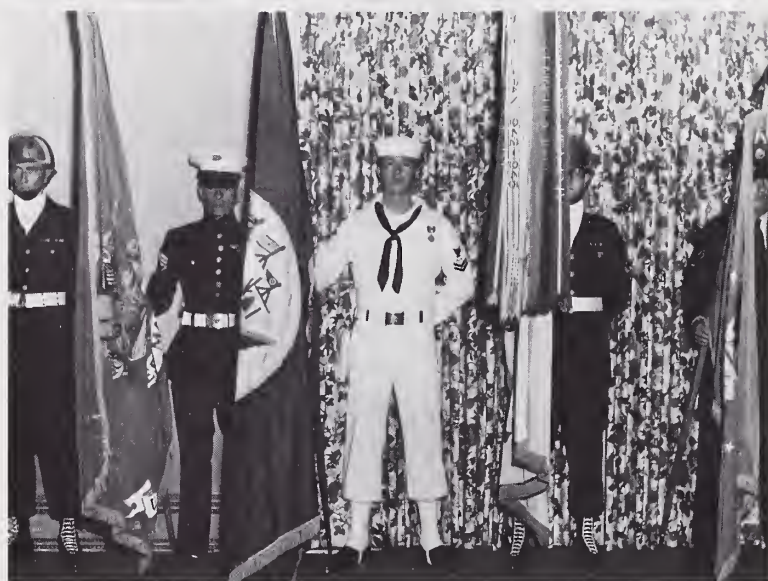
## ***ASA Hosts Farewell Gathering For Top Marine, Air Force EMs***



### **Inter-Service Event Held At Arlington Hall Station**

At the inter-service event honoring the top enlisted men of the Marines and the Air Force CSM Clifford L. Charron, top left, the host, chats with SMA George W. Dunaway, the co-sponsor. Displaying an impressive array of stripes, CMSgt AF Paul W. Airey and Sgt Maj MC Herbert J. Sweet cut their farewell cake with ceremonial swords, above, as MCPON Delbert D. Black offers encouragement. Left, SMA Dunaway exchanges ideas with one of the distinguished guests of the evening—GEN Leonard F. Chapman Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps. ASA's Ronnie Thompson, opposite page right, an MP at Arlington Hall, helped provide the entertainment with his songs. (Photos by SP4 Dwight Organ.)





The top enlisted men in the Armed Services and their wives, top right, gather for a rare group photo. They are (from left): Sgt Maj MC and Mrs. Herbert J. Sweet; MCPON and Mrs. Delbert D. Black; SMA and Mrs. George W. Dunaway; and CMSgt AF Paul W. Airey. Bottom right, for what many observers call the first time in history at a gathering of enlisted men, the colors of the four branches of the Armed Services were massed—(from left) the Marine Corps, Navy, Army, and Air Force.



The top enlisted men and distinguished guests from the four branches of the Armed Services gathered at Arlington Hall Station in June to honor Herbert Sweet, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and Paul W. Airey, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force—the top-ranking enlisted men of their respective services.

Sgt Maj Sweet is retiring from active duty, while CMSgt Airey is leaving his Pentagon post for reassignment in Florida.

The cocktail buffet was sponsored by SMA George W. Dunaway, the Army's top NCO, and his Navy counterpart, Delbert D. Black, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. ASA acted as host for the event under the direction of CSM Clifford L. Charron, who retired in July. MSG C. G. De Moss of ODCSSEC, acted as master of ceremonies.

According to some veteran observers, this event marked the first time in memory that the colors of the four services were massed at a gathering primarily made up of enlisted men. Additionally, the event marked one of the rare occasions the top enlisted men from each branch of service met in one place.

One special guest was GEN Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, who came to give his best wishes to the men being honored.

Entertainment was well-provided by the "Singing Sergeants" and the Diplomat Combo, both Air Force groups, and ASA's own "Singing MP"—SP4 Ronnie Thompson of the MP Co at Arlington Hall.

ASA was privileged to host this gathering of the top enlisted men of our Armed Services—a meeting reflecting the harmony and unity existing among the four branches so necessary in their common goal.





### ODCSPER

□ **ASA Insignia Available Next Month**—The distinctive ASA insignia, authorized by the Department of the Army for headquarters and all ASA subordinate units not previously authorized one, will be available next month for \$1.45 per set—consisting of three insignia.

The insignia, to be worn on Class A uniform epaulets and on oversea and utility hats, is comprised of a globe-shaped figure—one-half colored blue, the other black—standing for ASA's round-the-world readiness to meet any security mission anywhere in the world.

The double-warded key in the center alludes to the agency's dual concern for hostile and friendly communications. The lightning flash and quill refer to the ability to transmit and record communications quickly and efficiently.

The motto "Vigilant Always" appears on gold scrolls on the top and bottom of the globe. The grid squares on the globe are done in gold.



□ **New Course Opens at Ft. Devens**—A high-quality signal analysis course offered at TC&S, Ft. Devens, Mass., currently has openings for more personnel. The course, the Non-Morse Communications Analyst Course (231-F1) is a practical one which can further careers through increased job knowledge.

ASA is the executive agent for this training and instruction offered to qualified applicants of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Classes, which began last month, will be offered every 12 weeks. Military Occupational Specialty 05K graduates are awarded an H2 skill digit, which is worth 10 or more points toward promotion.

To be eligible for this course the applicant must: be in grades E3 through E6; be a qualified 05K specialist or equivalent; have one year operational experience; and have 10 or more months of active service time remaining after completing the course.

When the course is completed, assignment to a unit with programmed Non-Morse systems analysis, research and development, or technical development positions can be expected.

Interested personnel are encouraged to contact their personnel officer for more information and help with applications.

□ **Accidents Are Preventable**—Accidents are the result of the attitudes and actions which we take for granted. Elimination of unnecessary accidents can be stamped out

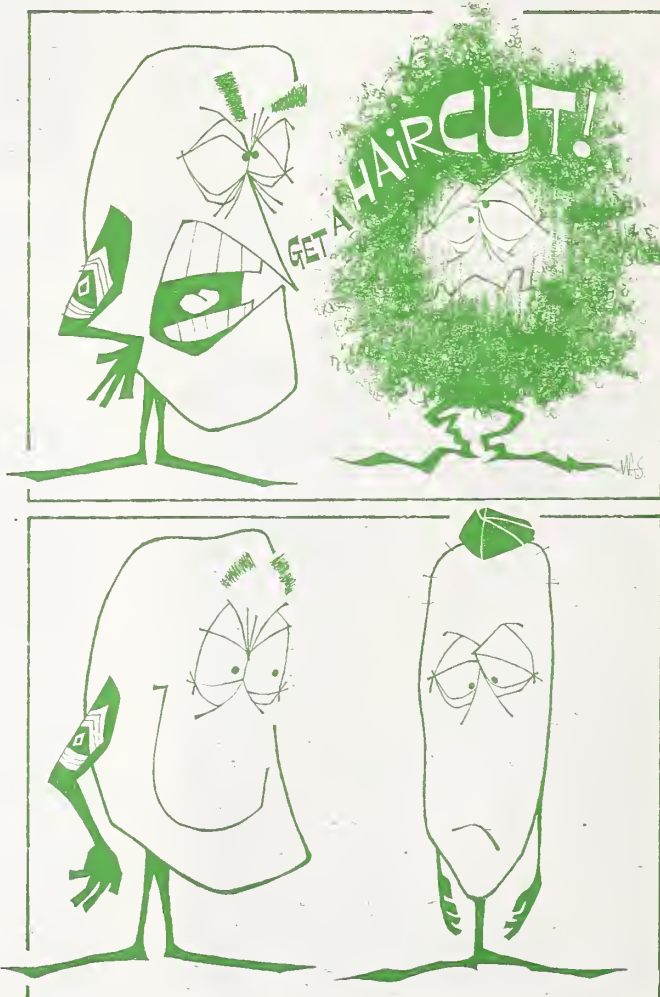
by not taking unnecessary risks, using correct material and equipment, and safe work habits.

Taking the correct safety steps to do a job can help save hours, money and one's own life.

If an emergency does occur know your first aid, as a minor injury can become a major one when improper treatment is applied.

### ODCSCOM

□ **Accountant Receives Direct Commission**—David A. Sundby, formerly a civilian accountant in the Accounts Division of ODCSCOM, received a direct commission as a second lieutenant in the Finance Corps during ceremonies held at Headquarters in June. The 1968 Bucknell University business administration graduate has been assigned to the Army's Finance School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., as an instructor.





□ **Annual Legal Checkup Program Initiated**—The Offices of the Staff Judge Advocate and the Adjutant General of ASA have announced the establishment of the Annual Legal Checkup Program for all Agency officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men in the top three grades—that is, E-7, E-8, and E-9. It will mark the first time that this program has been instituted within the Army on as large a scale as that of the Agency.

Analogous to the practice of preventive medicine or preventive car maintenance, the Annual Legal Checkup is designed to eliminate or in the very least to minimize the effect of avoidable legal incidents. By encouraging an orderly and up-to-date arrangement of a person's legal and personal affairs, the program provides a complete, concise picture of the individual's legal "health." All aspects—the individual's personal affairs, estate and probate status, real estate, family protection, and taxes among others—are given adequate coverage. Such information could be used by the legal assistance officer not only to remedy any legal problems brought forward more effectively, but also to counsel an individual against a precarious or potentially damaging legal position.

The Annual Legal Checkup Form (DD 1543) will be furnished to the individual officer or senior NCO during the month of his birth. Basically a legal "checklist," it is designed to be completed by the individual at his leisure. It is retained in the individual's possession and under no circumstance is it deposited in any official file.

Should a legal deficiency appear in the completion of the Checkup, consultation is readily available at the nearest Legal Assistance Office. However, should the individual prefer for any reason, "mail order" assistance is available by addressing the problem to the Legal Assistance Officer, Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Virginia 22212.

The Annual Legal Checkup is not being systematically instituted within the lower enlisted ranks—pay grades E-1 through E-6—inasmuch as this program is primarily directed toward the family. However, should any EM in these ranks desire this service, he need only write the Legal Assistance Office, Arlington Hall Station and ask for DD Form 1543.

The Annual Legal Checkup is the first major project realized in the Agency's development of a Preventive Law Program, as provided in AR 600-14. Under this program, a complete and exhaustive survey of the entire legal assistance program within the Agency will be undertaken with special attention being given to the legal assistance available to isolated units.

Also under consideration is the establishment of a mail order legal assistance program, should it be desired by the local unit and is not otherwise available through current legal assistance facilities of the Armed Services.

**Don't Waste Your Time**—Some commercial firms are advertising that they can dye that tan Tropical Worsteds (TW) uniform into AG44 Shade green. It doesn't work and isn't authorized. Army tests have shown that dyeing can cause shrinkage and unsightly blotches.

□ **ACSI Sends Anniversary Message**—MG Joseph A. McChristian, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, sent the following message to ASA on the seventh anniversary of the Military Intelligence Branch:

I take pride in again expressing my admiration and professional respect for your unexcelled performance of duty. You continue to earn for Army Intelligence a reputation of excellence second to none. Your future holds great challenges and opportunities. Your capabilities are extensive. Your teamwork sets an example for others to emulate. I have full confidence that you, your officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted personnel and civilians will continue to keep intelligence out front where it belongs.

### ODCSOPS

□ **Mission Management Workshop Meets**—A total of 37 personnel representing ASA's mission management activities throughout the world gathered at Arlington Hall in late June for the first five-day Mission Management Workshop.

The workshop was a direct outgrowth of the Commanders-Command Sergeants Major Conference held in early May. The keynote for this workshop had been set at that conference in the remarks of COL Arthur W. Hackwood, former DCSOPS, "The accomplishment of our operational mission is the sole reason for the existence of this command. Daily satisfaction of the operational mission is paramount." The workshop was designed to enable mission management personnel within the Agency to keep stride with the rapid advances being made in automated technical facilities and information systems.

Four major objectives for the Mission Management Workshop were spelled out by then Acting DCSOPS LTC Jack A. Dodds: (1) to define information requirements to effectively perform ASA's mission responsibilities; (2) to insure that sufficient information is available at all echelons in order that timely mission control and management decisions might be made; (3) to devise a standard program of instruction to prepare a person as a mission manager by MOS training or career pattern; and (4) to devise a common language for mission management within ASA.

A total of three additional workshops have been projected for the next 18 months. After that, two workshops will be held each year in order to keep abreast of changes within the information systems field.



These 37 conferees attended ODCSOPS first Mission Management Workshop held in June at Arlington Hall Stadium.



# Bad Aibling: ASA in the Bavarian Alps

Old  
Nazi  
Airbase  
Today Is  
An Agency  
Field Station



This building at Bad Aibling might well be the most picturesque dispensary-dental clinic in the Agency, and perhaps in the entire U.S. Army.

*"Hey, long time no see. Guess who's en route to Germany."*

*"You're kidding. Where? Berlin or Frankfurt?"*

*"Bad Aibling."*

*"Bad who? You puttin' me on? What's a Bad Aibling?"*

It seems safe to say that nearly all Agency personnel have heard of Germany. A few, perhaps, have even used the word "Bavaria" in their conversation. But "Bad Aibling"—unless one is either stationed there, returning from or on orders for that Agency field station—is not that familiar. It doesn't have the same "ring" to it as "Taiwan," "Okinawa" or "Shemya." Bad Aibling, then, remains somewhat the Mysterious Assignment.

Under this veil of misinformation, or lack of any information at all on USASAFS Bad Aibling, arriving personnel are soon pleasantly surprised.

Let it be known that Bad Aibling is a good assignment. If you take your eyes, ears, schnozzle and other sensory devices with you, you may not want to come home.



Bavaria is a country of beer, dumpings, cheese, sausages, an abundance of beautiful scenery, a wealth of sites to visit and a host of friendly frauleins.

Bad Aibling itself leaves not much to be desired. Situated at the base of the Bavarian Alps, in the beautiful Mangfall Valley, the city is surrounded by high-lying moors. Among its at-



*A chance  
to work  
and play . . .*



Company A sits on a rise and overlooks the other two companies. Above, the field station's basketball team, the "Little Blues," (dark jerseys) take on an opponent in the post's gymnasium.



tractions for the tourist is the oldest mud-bath resort in Bavaria, offering (among other things) treatment for gout, rheumatism and neuritis.

Those who would venture further into traditional Bavaria may journey to Regensburg (Romanesque architecture), Wurzburg (very baroque), Ausbach (rococo of the Classical era of Protestantism), Oberstdorf (skiing,

winter sports), Berchtesgaden (most impressive region in the Bavarian Alps) or Munich (often described as an overgrown village, with top symphony orchestras, museums and a *Gemutlichkeit* atmosphere).

Bad Aibling has an interesting military history, resulting not only from its location as a present-day USASA field station (commanded by MAJ James R. Jordan), but also from its past associations.

The Germans, in 1938, nicknamed Bad Aibling "Fliegerhorst," meaning "flier's roost," because of its use then as a base for Messerschmidt ME-109s. The ME-109s played a significant role in the Austrian campaign and the subsequent acquisition of the Sudetenland.

When newer, heavier aircraft were developed by the Germans, Bad Aibling's grass runways proved incapable of shouldering the added burden and the airfield was then con-

verted into a primary flight training base, the purpose it served until the end of the war.

For a time, the Bad Aibling airfield was used in post-war years by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency and the International Refugee Organization.

But for the past 17 years, Bad Aibling has been host to personnel of ASA.

The Agency's tenure at Bad Aibling began in 1952, when troops from the 328th Communications Reconnaissance Company, Ft. Devens, Mass., arrived. The 328th was the first, but not the least, of a long line of units to locate at Bad Aibling.

When the Austrian peace treaty was signed in September 1955, the majority of ASA troops in that country were reassigned to Bad Aibling. With their arrival, the unit was redesignated as the 312th Communications Reconnaissance Battalion.

The 312th had a short life, for it was renamed in 1957 the 320th USASA Battalion (Operations), which endured until June 22, 1966, when it was deactivated and the 18th USASA Field Station was formed.



*... and meet  
their German  
neighbors.*



A fast-court break develops as German and American boys enjoy a game of basketball on the Bad Aibling Elementary School's outdoor court.

On Dec. 15, 1967, the 18th took the nomenclature by which the former Nazi airfield is currently known: USASAFS Bad Aibling.

Bad Aibling's runways, towers and airfield equipment are idle now, but the buildings and other post facilities are used actively in the fulfillment of the ASA mission.

The billets occupied by ASA personnel today were first used by German troops in World War II. Two or three men usually occupy each large

room, with some envied men having singles. Apartments for dependents, closely resembling their American counterparts across the ocean in comfort and styling, are also available. Bad Aibling's buildings, adding to the scenic pleasure of the base, are faced of stone.

The post has recreational facilities widely admired, with year-round activities. Personnel take advantage of a Service Club, Special Services Li-

brary, photo lab, electronics hobby shop, crafts shop, auto repair shop and an adjacent nine-hole golf course where carts, clubs and other equipment may be rented. Golf "nuts" can drive to any of five challenging courses within five hours of Bad Aibling.

Organized sports include football, basketball, baseball, volleyball and tennis. Skiing and boating facilities are only a short drive from the post. For the photography buff, there are the Alpine views and pretty girls.

Bad Aibling's big social event of the year comes in May, when German-American Friendship Week draws many foreign nationals from surrounding communities, featuring open houses, demonstrations and crafts nights. The men look forward to setting up a beer tent and securing a lively band for the culminating Saturday night activities.

Scenery, diversion possibilities, challenging missions—it's unbelievable more 1049s are not being put in for Bad Aibling, Bavaria's answer to all those other sweet-sounding assignments.

**The field station's American Elementary School building offers dependents a pleasant place to learn and study.**





# And Now a Word on the Shift Workers

by **MAJ Richard L. Sowers**  
**ODCSTEL**

How would you feel if the mess hall served you supper for your first meal and breakfast for your last one?

Chances are that, among other things, you would be a little confused.

To the thousands of ASA shift workers around the world, however, this topsy turvy situation is an ordinary part of their life. For these men a work day might well be termed a "work night."

Inconvenient? Confusing? Difficult? Mixed up, you say?

Well, maybe. But the new shift worker who never had his day turned upside down before, learns quickly how the night people live. As a matter of fact, he soon finds himself amused at the hordes of sleepy-eyed people who are just beginning work every morning.

Before long he forgets the frown on that officer's face who was wondering why he hadn't shaved that morning. ("I'm just getting off work, sir.")

He suddenly realizes he is not alone in his night world, as he becomes aware of just how many are in the shift business—MP's, cooks, communications center personnel, drivers and all those others he had overlooked before.

After all, he reasons, someone has to keep things going for Uncle the other 16 hours of the day and he is an important part of the overall effort.

The Agency uses one of the most widely applied rotation shift schedules for a 24-hour operation called "6 and 2." This means six days on duty and two off.

Personnel who work under this schedule are divided into four equal shifts. At any time, there is a shift working either a day (0730-1630), a swing (1630-2400), or a mid- (2400-0730), while the remaining shift is on break for two days.

This represents a "normal" work schedule for most facilities that must

operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Thus, every eight days of operation brings a different period of work, sleep, eating and off duty time, making the duty roster resemble an unfinished crossword puzzle at first glance.

One of the resulting problems of any command that operates a 24-hour facility, is what to do with the shift worker after he gets off. Is it fair to expect him to get off work and go straight to bed? Should he really be expected to eat leftovers or breakfast at 2400, when his mind and stomach are ready for something else?

In the past many shift workers felt they were somewhat overlooked producing an obvious morale problem. When they finished work, everything on and off post was closed, so in effect their evenings didn't exist. Or, they got off work only to find breakfast being served again. (How many ways can a cook fix eggs, anyway?)

By the late fifties, forward-looking ASA commanders began soliciting the aid of the shift workers themselves for suggestions to improve the situation.

Many of the suggestions were adopted, as the affected commanders took an intense personal interest in the problem.

Of special significance, was the experiment initiated at an ASA Field Station overseas whose commander realized the needs of his swing personnel and decided to do something about them.

The NCO and EM clubs were directed to stay open until 0200; an 0100 movie was shown at the post theater; the snack bar began a 23-hour operation, closing just long enough to clean up and prepare for the 0730 rush; the post library's doors

remained open until 0300; and the company day rooms no longer closed at 2300.

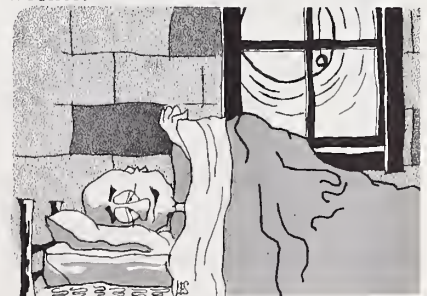
The shift workers now had a choice of meals at the mess hall, as supper and breakfast were being served at the 2400 meal. Stomach morale hit a new high.

This experiment was a great success. The shift workers began to feel they were no longer "second-class citizens" in the Army. They felt like ordinary soldiers who just happened to work odd hours. After all, when they finished work they could eat a normal meal, join their buddies at the club, catch the late, late movie and even stop for a snack after the show.

It was a good change and an appreciated one. The shift workers' proficiency and increased morale proved that.

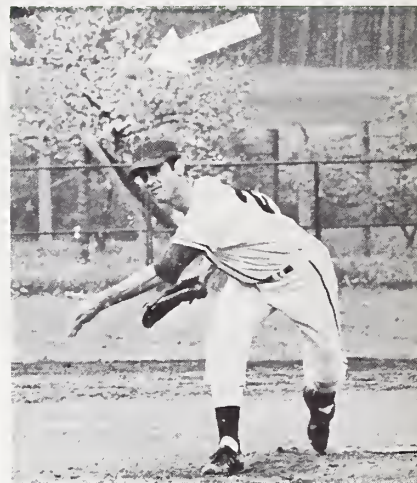
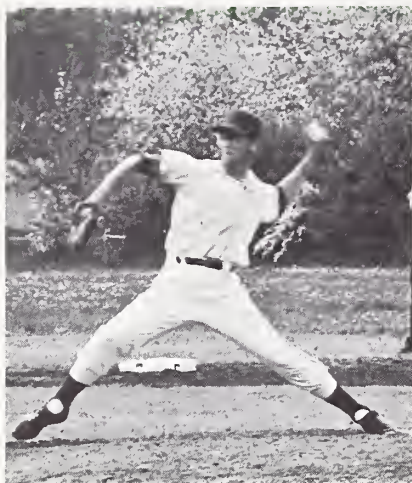
Since this experiment, ASA commanders throughout the world have adopted many of the ideas and added a few themselves. They look around their commands to determine what facilities are available for their men who keep the stations operating day and night. The commanders recognize these men are entitled to as many of the off-duty opportunities as can be provided and they use every means available to provide their men with these opportunities.

In doing so they have boosted production and morale and have created a more normal life for those who work the mixed up day—the shift worker.



"Good night!"





The above sequence reveals the hard-throwing style of Herzo Flyer Jim Watson as he hums one at a batter during a game against the 507th Group. Jim struck out 13 batters en route to his first win of the year. (Photos by Nock)

### BASEBALL

*Germany*—Herzo Flyers jumped off to a promising start with two wins in three games in exhibition play prior to the season. The nine romped to a 12-1 win over their southern rivals, the 507th, based in Augsburg. Flyer pitcher Jim Watson (see photos) limited 507th swingers to three runs in another challenge as his team racked up 15 big ones.

Herzo is competing in the Marne League again this year, pitting their talents against six other teams. Augsburg is a member of the Tascom (formerly COMMZ) southern league.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

*Maryland*—Personnel stationed at Ft. George G. Meade as members of the USASA Support Group were offered a chance to participate in some real competitive sports action during the arts and crafts contest in June.

Among the challenging categories of competition: jewelry, enamel, leather, metal and the ever-popular termite taxidermy.

### FENCING

*Germany*—SP5 Robert Kirby, HQ Co., Herzo, won first place in the Mid-Franconian Foil Tournament held in Nurnberg.

Kirby, the only soldier on the German team, defeated 17 fencers to capture the title. The previous day he took second place in a similar epee tournament, being denied first place in a sudden-death playoff.

### ZOT AWARDS

So many excellent opportunities present themselves this month for the award of the coveted THE HALLMARK ZOT that it was almost impossible to stop laughing long enough to decide upon recipients. But the lucky winners are:

□ SP5 James Gregory of Hakata, who gave an outstanding performance on a recent Thai Air Force flight. The crew passed out ear plugs of pink cotton. SP5 Gregory, wondering why he didn't get any baseball cards with his "gum," ate them. Unbelievable, but true. Way to go, SP5 Gregory.

□ The entire Menehune Platoon of the USASATR, Ft. Devens. Normally vociferous, they all got stage fright when Hawaii's top entertainer, Don Ho, called them from the audience to join him in a number at Boston's War Memorial Auditorium. Great going under pressure, guys.



Casting into the Atlantic Ocean some nine miles out, SFC Harold Payne (left) and SFC Wallace Thibodeaux of USASAFS Homestead brought home two nice ones. SFC Payne's sailfish measured 7'1", SFC Thibodeaux's was slightly shorter, 6'8". (USAF Photos by A1C Ric Lyon)



## GOLF

*Japan*—Haven't played a round of golf since you left the States? Well, if you are in Chitose, this unbearable situation has been easily corrected. You can now step over to the gymnasium and play a full 18 holes on a treacherous 6,755-yard, par 69 course.

Actually, you take your strokes on an ingenious electronic machine that contains all the characteristics and frustrations of golf without the risk of throwing your clubs into a water hazard.

The new machine will electronically compute how far your shots travel, whether you have a slice or hook and how bad it is, and where your shot would wind up if you were on a real course. In addition, there is a putting green. The machine also comes with a book simulating an 18-hole course you can play to give you a better idea of how your form is.

*Okinawa*—Mrs. Jack P. Lansford, wife of COL Lansford, CO, FS Sobe, won the overall low gross trophy in the Awase Meadows Women's Golf Association Handicap Tournament. Mrs. Lansford turned in a score of 174 in the two-day tournament.

*Virginia*—Bob Kauffman's two-round total of 157 on the par 73 Twin Lakes Golf Course captured the Vint Hill Farms Spring Golf Tournament. Jerald Rhodes placed second, with 165, and William Ellis took third with 173.

## BOWLING

*Virginia*—Ten Vint Hill Farms men rolled in the 17th Annual Virginia State Bowling Tournament, coming home with more experience than prestige, unfortunately.

Bill Crosier and Dave Donnelly won 11th place honors in doubles, while Crosier's 244 was the highest VHF score rolled in the tourney.

Also competing were Bob Lancaster, Elmer Howard, Bob Gunderman, Jim Hodge, Sam Williams, Bruce Herold and John Clark.

Jeannie Coleman won \$370 in a no-tap tourney at the Women's State Tournament in Norfolk, Va.

*Hawaii*—Betty J. Whalen, wife of ASAPAC Aviation Officer LTC John J. Whalen and Connie J. Admire, wife



**RIDE 'EM, COWBOY**—Carlos Alvarez bulled his way out of the chute with his eye on the eight-second clock and his legs wrapped around this big jumper, who had other plans. Next picture would show Alvarez on the ground. (See story)

of PAC Assistant Signal Officer Larry Admire, teamed up recently to sweep top honors in the Oahu Women's Bowling Association Annual Tournament.

En route to establishing a 1325-pin total, the two women walked away from all competition in their own B-division but also finished 100 pins higher than the winners of the A-division.

In topping over 800 other participants, Mrs. Whalen and Mrs. Admire turned in three-game averages of 190 and 185, respectively.

## RODEO

*Germany*—SP6 Tom McLoughlin, Co. A, 318th Bn, won \$153 in prize money at a rodeo he and two other Herzo Base soldiers entered in Tripoli, Libya. Held by the Wheelus AFB Riding Club, the rodeo appealed to McLoughlin and SP5s Dave Kelly and Carlos Alvarez, who were the only ASA or Europe-based soldiers to make the trip to Tripoli.

McLoughlin was first in bareback riding, second overall in bull riding. Kelly finished fifth in bull riding, but only the first four places paid prize money.

## WEIGHT-LIFTING

*Ft. Hood*—Two members of the 375th USASA Co. (EW), 311th USASA Battalion (Corps) at Ft. Hood, Tex., walked off with honors recently in the Ft. Hood Weight Lifting Tournament. SP5 David M. Callahan placed first in the bantamweight division and SP4 Louis C. McKinney took fourth in the heavyweight category.



**OFF AND FALLING**—Tom McLoughlin, who ended up with \$143 in prize money, lost this ride due to faulty rigging. (See story)

## CHESS

*Washington, D.C.*—The 10th Annual Armed Forces Chess Tournament will be held in the American Legion Hall of Flags, Washington, D.C., Nov. 7-15.

Anyone on active duty is eligible to try for a service team. Army finalists will be selected on the basis of U.S. Chess Federation rating, all major tournaments within the command and records indicating their chess capabilities from prior chess match participation.

The American Chess Foundation, sponsoring the inter-service chess program, has planned for each service team to consist of six finalists meeting in 12 rounds of team play for the Thomas Emery Championship Trophy.

More information can be obtained by writing to: Army Special Services, Offices of the Adjutant General, 2436 Tempo A, Washington, D.C. 20315.





## HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

### LEGION OF MERIT

COLONEL: Ralph W. Bergman (1), Arthur W. Hackwood, Edgar F. Hoffman, Allen J. Mauderly (1), Richard B. Mosser (1).

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Wesley F. Gant, Joseph D. Howard, Arthur E. La Porte Jr., Karl E. Nestler, Leo W. Phair, Eugene H. Walter.

MAJOR: Carl R. Shaw, Richard L. Williams.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: William R. MacDonald.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Worth S. Sauls, Alfred Shaw, William Schauer.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: David B. Epperson.

WARRANT OFFICER 1: James C. Sutphin.

FIRST SERGEANT: William F. Bowser.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Jerry L. Fleet.

SPECIALIST 5: Daniel T. Remsen.

### BRONZE STAR MEDAL

MAJOR: Querin E. Herlik

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Laird P. Osburn, Lewis B. Wescott.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Irvin W. Batchelder, Earl C. Cook, Joseph C. Preston, Reginald C. Stubbs.

STAFF SERGEANT: Robert D. Fiscus, Wilbur H. Landgraf.

SPECIALIST 5: John Dean, John B. Fisher, Robert J. Pryor.

### AIR MEDAL

BRIGADIER GENERAL: George A. Godding.

SPECIALIST 5: Brody O. Conrey.

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

COLONEL: Charles E. Erwin.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: David W. Miller, Lynn J. Wise.

MAJOR: Robert F. Betts Jr., Charles H. Freed, Howard V. Keighler III, Larry D. Shoe.

CAPTAIN: Edwin H. Barsis.

FIRST SERGEANT: Charles T. Masters.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Donal R. Sisk, Durwood M. Black.

STAFF SERGEANT: Charles E. Buchanan, Gary W. Sullivan.

### JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

FIRST SERGEANT: Milton W. Hooper.

SPECIALIST 5: Larry D. Blackwell.

### ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John J. McCall.

MAJOR: L. J. Benson, Normand V. Ferdinando (1), Irving D. Higgins, Stanley S. Knaus, Seab W. McKinney (1), Robert J. Moxley, Walter O. Swafford (1), Albert B. Young (1).

CAPTAIN: Allen F. Bartels, Ronald W. Carter, David L. Clayton, Peter B. Johnson, Frank A. Jones, Louis R. Kawka, George J. Lordi Jr., Eldon D. Maudlin, Leon D. Murray, Luther L. Potter Jr., Bernard M. Powell Jr., William D. Steinbrugge Jr., Grady Trew (1), Thomas F. Van Hei (1).  
FIRST LIEUTENANT: Terrence J. Callahan, William L. Carne, John L. Cote, James F. Day, David K. Eyster, James C. Minter, John L. Swegle, Ronald E. Tennissen, Grady R. Wallace Jr.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: Powell W. Glidewell.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Ralph Blair (1), Charles R. Byars (2), Robert J. Comey (1), Gerald J. Kuehni, Jack L. McNeil (3).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: William B. Steele (2).

WARRANT OFFICER: Robert D. Barlow, Norman W. Idalski, George H. Landingham, Samuel R. McDonald.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: John E. Scagliotti (3).

FIRST SERGEANT: Carl L. McGalliard (3).

MASTER SERGEANT: Stanley D. Adams (1), Robert W. Canterbury,

Frank A. Cause, Loren A. Moore (1), Charles C. Gibson (2), Raymond F. Sherman (3), Adrian H. Smith.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: James O. Few, Wayne L. Florek, Elmer J. Howard (1), Clair B. Galbreath, Robert R. Gutzky, Paul A. Howard, Paul W. Miller, Arthur E. Olsen, Daniel E. Owens, Derward C. Parker, Ernest C. Peters (1), Daniel M. Powelaitis, Claud M. Sanford, Richard D. Scullin, Edward J. Sherman, Harvey M. Tebbetts, John Williams (1), James H. Wilson.

STAFF SERGEANT: Wallace Anderson, James G. Birdwell, Robert D. Fiscus, James J. Gould, Bobby Griffin, Philip A. McGibney, Michael E. Muir, Donald K. Northrup, Wayne L. Peters, Renison L. Riley, Owen W. Rogers (1), Robert L. Taylor, Clyde A. Veeder, William E. Westgall.

SPECIALIST 6: Robert C. Anderson, Charles R. Brighthaupt (1), Daniel L. Burney, Dominic Rossi, Christopher J. Schultz, Gary L. Trollope.

SERGEANT: Joseph W. Igo, Leonard A. James, Donald H. McAllister, Kerry O. Martens (1), Ishmel E. Taylor. SPECIALIST 5: Fred J. Carmosino, Gary R. Crisp, Charles D. Dudak, William F. Farthing, John B. Fisher, John R. Herby, Edward J. LaCroix Jr., Ronald E. Lamp, Dennis A. Marks, Wallace I. Otsuka, Leonard Ray, John M. Smith, James R. Venne, David E. Weimer, Lane R. Whittaker, Guy Zulueta.

SPECIALIST 4: Bruce K. Herold, Ronald Kingborough, Clayton L. Snare.

### PURPLE HEART

SPECIALIST 5: Clinton H. Reason III.

### PROMOTION

TO MAJOR: Kenneth Urban, Homer E. Mallaby Jr.

TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Kenneth R. Franz, Robert C. Smith, William T. Dudley, Donald L. Hanson.



TO E9: Max R. Hembree, David T. Eiler.

TO E7: Danny H. Hall, Ray Harrell, George Brewer Jr., Donald L. Allen.

#### AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

MASTER SERGEANT: Robert W. Canterbury, Clarence W. Cochran, William J. Ennis, Henry M. Proctor Jr.

FIRST SERGEANT: James O. Sayers, Herbert J. Winters.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Durwood M. Black, Charles A. St. Clair, Harold A. Weidman.

STAFF SERGEANT: Bobbie H. Dugan.

#### JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

FIRST SERGEANT: Milton Hooper.

STAFF SERGEANT: Raymond Blackburn.

#### RETIREMENT

COLONEL: Leslie L. Buttleman.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Francis R. Dugan, Jerry O. Moore, Robert I. Warner.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Donald G. Jones, Clarence W. Thompson.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Hurley S. Tucker.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Billy J. Woodruff.

FIRST SERGEANT: Walter L. McCary, Norman J. Mabie, Teddy R. Randles, Alfred J. Roth, James O. Sayers, Donald R. Stoops, Herbert J. Winters.

MASTER SERGEANT: Robert W. Canterbury, Melville E. Cortner,

Maurice A. Day, William J. Ennis, Frank A. Gaise, Frazier D. McDyer, Henry M. Proctor Jr.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Jerome J. Banaszynski, Ralph R. Bare, Ray H. Bailey, Durwood M. Black, Joe L. Brain, Andrew J. Carter, Billie Cole, John F. Duff, Lyle E. Ensminger, William E. Jones, Harold E. McQuard, Arlie Neal, Robert C. Kobett, Charles A. St. Clair, Joseph S. Sobiech, George J. Vance, Thomas J. Wilkinson.

SPECIALIST 6: Byron R. Hoch.

#### Correction

The June issue of the HALLMARK erroneously listed the following in Hall of Fame: CSM John E. Scagliotti, MSG Glenn R. Bryce, James Jorgensen and Robert J. Lullo, and SFC Ralph Bare. THE HALLMARK regrets the error. ❏

*In The Frankfurter Forum*

## Freddy Pfenig Examines The Edward G. Ops Affair

*THE HALLMARK often reprints material from field station publications. But usually, that material has to do with topics of general concern to the whole agency: educational benefits, operational problems, etc.*

*What you see here is an exception to the rule. There is no great issue involved, just an informative interview with "The Loser of the Year." It first appeared in the Frankfurter Forum, written by "Freddy Pfenig" (a pseudonym, hopefully).*

#### THE EDWARD G. OPS AFFAIR

Freddy Pfenig: Mr. Ops, you have been chosen Loser of the Year. When did you first learn of your unique talent to ruin everything you touch?

Ops: When I contracted the seven-year itch as a child.

FP: How did that make you a loser?

Ops: I had it nine years. Some time later, to reinforce the plague, I was ship-wrecked on a deserted island.

FP: Was it that bad?

Ops: With my own wife?

FP: Have you ever tried to find a cure for your peculiar malady?

Ops: Yes. I went to a psychiatrist. But he didn't help. And he was so expensive that all I got for \$25 was a get-well card reading "Happy Neurosis."

FP: I notice you have your nose in a cast. What happened?

Ops: I broke it when I fell off my bicycle landing on my back.

FP: Things always go wrong for you, don't they?

Ops: Not always. My doctor told me I would never die in my sleep.

FP: Oh?

Ops: I have insomnia.

FP: How old are you anyway?

Ops: Forty.

FP: Well, they say life begins at forty.

Ops: So does dandruff and rheumatism, I have found.

FP: You have a nice watch there.

Ops: I bought it from an old man in Sachsenhausen. Just two dollars.

FP: You at least can find bargains. Does it have the date?

Ops: Yes. Today is the 54th of June, 1479, B.C.

FP: I have to go now, Mr. Ops. My time is about up.

Ops: I know what you mean. I really do.



*83d RRSOU Taught "Religious" Sport  
Of Self-Defense by World Champion*

## Tae Kwon Doers Break Bricks in Bangkok

With grunts, groans and shouts of "Keeya," a normal day is underway for Tae Kwon Do devotees at the 83d RRSOU in Bangkok, Thailand, in the Oriental system of self-defense, literally translated from the Korean as "the art of punches and kicks." Classes are held twice a day under the expert tutelage of Dong Keun Park of Seoul, Korea. Mr. Park, a student of Tae Kwon Do for 15 years, captured the 1966 Karate World Championship in the Unlimited Weight class, although he himself is only a flyweight competitor. Along with his Tae Kwon Do "brother," Suk Joon Ahn, Mr. Park teaches approximately 25 students from the 83d RRSOU the customs, spirit, and execution of the art of Tae Kwon Do.

Tae Kwon Do differs from the better publicized Japanese system of karate, in that it incorporates the use of the feet almost to the exclusion of the hands as an offensive weapon. Adherents speak of it as both an art and a sport, although the basic motivational spirit behind Tae Kwon Do more closely approximates religious fervor rather than athletic interest.

The "religious" aspects of the sport stem primarily from its philosophic background. The Tae Kwon Do philosophy, when reduced to its simplest form, holds that there exists in man an invincible and indefatigable spirit of victory. Through control of this spirit, possible only with strict mental and physical discipline, man can overcome strenuous or violent physical adversity.

As in many Oriental forms of self-defense, both progress and proficiency in the study of Tae Kwon Do is manifested in a belt system. There are a total of nine degrees below the black belt ranks, which in turn are composed of the 1st through the 8th "dans." Mr. Park, for example, holds a 6th



Mr. Park, top photo, shows his 6th dan black belt form, as he shatters a stack of 18 tiles with a forward punch. SP5 Geoffrey Darr, above, holds a one-inch thick hardwood board, as his wife, Carrie, breaks it with a "round kick." SP5 Darr is a 2d degree brown belt, his wife a 5th degree blue belt.



dan black belt.

Promotions in all 17 degrees are earned by superior achievements on tests, which consist of the execution of certain "school figures" in Tae Kwon Do in addition to a sparring match with a person of an equal or superior degree belt. Progress beyond the 3d dan black belt is extremely difficult, and as a result the upper echelons of the black belt ranks are largely composed of life-time devotees of the art.

In the history of Tae Kwon Do at the 83d, only five men have attained the coveted black belt status. Only one of these five, SP5 Michael A. Pleskovich, is still stationed there. While assisting in the daily teaching, SP5 Pleskovich is making rapid progress toward the 2d dan black belt. The course is open to dependents, and many have subsequently enrolled; one, Mrs. Sue Wenger, is rapidly approaching the black belt level.

Mr. Park has provided instruction in Tae Kwon Do, at the 83d, since 1967 with the exception of a year's absence in Korea in 1968. His plans for the immediate future include tours of Europe, Australia and the United States in an effort to popularize this exotic, but nonetheless effective art of self-defense. ■



Members of the 83d engage in sparring practice at one of the group's daily practices. Mr. Park observes from the left.

## Agency Officer Wins Special CDC Award

LTC Donald M. Rorke was presented an engraved miniature statue of Rodin's "The Thinker," and a \$100 cash award during graduation ceremonies of the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. The award was presented by the Combat Developments Command Creative Institute of Combined Arms and Support.

Before attending the 1968-69 class, LTC Rorke was the commanding officer of the 2d Battalion, U.S. Army Security Agency Training Regiment, Ft. Devens, Mass.

LTC Rorke's paper, "A Miracle in the Barracks; A Living Environment for the Enlisted Personnel in the U.S. Army," recommended a new and improved design for barracks furnishings. His design envisioned a module, capable of being easily joined to other units, holding sleeping and accessory equipment—packed together for compact and efficient use as furnishings for Army barracks.

The Creative Thinking Award is presented to the officer attending either the Command and General Staff College or career courses at branch and service schools, who submits the best paper concerning Army doctrine. ■



LTC Rorke accepts the Combat Developments Creative Thinking Award from MG John H. Hay Jr., Commandant of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.



# ASA Alaska Wives Welcome Vietnam Medical Evacuees



Mrs. Owens, left, says hello, while Mrs. Beshens offers a soft drink, to the medical evacuees at Elmendorf AFB.



"You mean you got out of a warm bed just to come here and meet us?" is a typical comment expressed by the medical evacuees from Vietnam arriving 2 or 3 a.m. at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

The "you" refers to the wives of the men at ASA Detachment, USARAL, who work as Red Cross Volunteers.

These ladies are helping to make the flight home of the MEDEVACS a little more comfortable.

During the brief stopover, they escort ambulatory patients to the MAC Terminal cafeteria where they are treated to a free meal, compliments of the Alaskan Air Command.

Most of the men order a hamburger and a milk shake—for many, the first they've had in a long time.

For the patients who cannot leave the aircraft, the ASA wives provide soft drinks and juices, post cards and reading material.

Mrs. Gerald J. Beshens Jr., wife of the commanding officer of the detachment says many of the men are amazed to see us at such an early hour.

The volunteers feel it is important that the men returning on MEDEVAC flights receive a warm welcome when they first touch down on U.S. soil. "I'm constantly amazed at their spirit and how courteous and appreciative they are," says Joyce McGalliard, wife of the detachment first sergeant. "As you can imagine, they are all glad to be coming home and most of them are somewhat embarrassed to receive so much attention."

Many of the men accept the free post cards and jot short notes to their families. The cards are then collected by the ladies and mailed promptly. "Most of the men realize that they'll probably be home before the card gets there, but they still write," says Sis Owens, wife of the

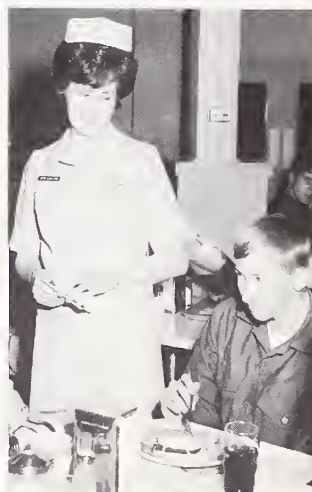
detachment supply sergeant SFC Daniel E. Owens. "I guess they kind of feel that it's about the closest to real contact they've had with their families and are anxious to let them know that they are home safely."

"These girls do a terrific job," said one of the flight nurses on a recent flight. "We don't have much time on the ground and after the long hop from Japan, it is a welcome relief to the men to be able to get off and stretch their legs. When they get back on board for the next leg to

the states, they are refreshed and enthusiastic about being back on U.S. soil."

The ladies pass out free books donated by personnel on the post. Recently, however, one of the local high schools had a book drive and collected a whole truck load of paperbacks.

"The men do appreciate the reading material," says Mrs. Beshens, "it helps to pass the time between here and the continental United States. Passing out these books is one of the important things we do." ■



Mrs. McGalliard visits medical evacuee enjoying hamburger and french fries.

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## As I See It

By William C. Dials  
Command  
Sergeant Major



Last month I began my new assignment as command sergeant major of the Army Security Agency; already I can sense the great excitement and challenge ahead.

To have been selected for this position is a tremendous personal honor because I believe sincerely that this command is the finest in the U.S. Army.

Although I have been in the service for some time now and have performed a variety of duties, I embarked on the command sergeant major position feeling somewhat like the youngster attending his first formal dance. I had a lump in my throat and my knees were less than steady. I knew there was something big ahead.

Well, that initial period of nervousness is over and as I begin to get down to the real business at hand I become more and more aware of the tremendous support I'm going to need from every individual in the Agency in fulfilling my responsibilities. I recognize what the term "team effort" is all about and how essential the work of each team member is to the overall effort.

To put it simply: I need your help.

During my tour, I look forward to meeting every one of you, either at your duty station—wherever it may be—or at my office here at Headquarters.

I also plan to share my thoughts and ideas with you through this col-

umn. From time to time I hope to have some of our other command sergeants major contribute a guest "As I See It" column.

Any comments you may have on the column are certainly welcome and may be sent directly to me or THE HALLMARK.

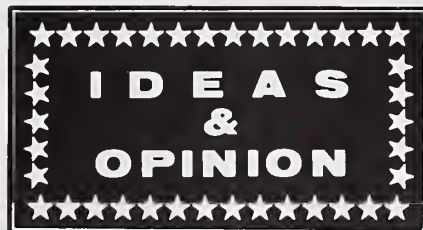
The command sergeant major position was presented to me in peak condition from an energetic and dedicated predecessor. I pledge that I will do all in my power to leave this job in the same excellent state I found it.

## —The Midwest "Syndrome"—

(The essay below was written by SP4 Bronson C. Davis, editor of the *Kagnew Gazelle*, USASAFS Asmara.)

### Reflections On the Midwest Syndrome

Men who grow up in the Midwest invariably develop an inferiority complex. There is something about the flatness of the plains and the solidness of life there that compares unfavorably with the glitter of the aristocratic East.



When one mentions New York, a vision of wealth and sophistication jumps to the mind, while saying Chicago conjures up pictures of cattle and pigs. To midwestern lads of the pre-hippie period of which I am one, the West holds little attraction, while the South seems too slow, and the Southwest a bit coarse.

No, it's the East that beckons.

I first noticed "the Syndrome" my freshman year in college. I gradually became convinced that truth and self-realization were not possible in the plebian midlands, but could be found only in the East—that became my goal. I managed to stay in school mainly because I was jocking it on

the gridiron, and also due to Annie Swofford, the clerk of my local draft board. In fact, Annie encouraged me, indirectly of course, to go on to graduate school. But I could no longer conquer "the Syndrome." Annie and I had a showdown.

I lost.

After a rather discouraging beginning at Ft. Leonard Wood, I spent the next 18 months in Washington and Boston with side trips to "Fun City," more prosaically known as New York.

It was grand, and I began to feel a bit more sophisticated; I ceased gaping open-mouthed at Ivy League men and quaking in the presence of eastern women. But alas it wasn't Nirvana. I was still B.C.D. of Skokie, Ill.

With the new experiences of Ethiopia, I attained a more relaxed state; I no longer walked the streets at night beating my breast and I switched from Nietzsche to Freud.

I was recommended for a trip to the higher medical echelons in Germany. So I arrived in Frankfurt with high expectations of supping on the founts of the dark philosophical spirits of the German mind.

I got great satisfaction out of announcing that I was from Ethiopia. I was a hit in the taverns and other citadels of GI gatherings as I discoursed on the warmth of the Red Sea, the magic of an African night in Cheren and the treachery of the Massawa Road.

I gloated and expressed my profound sorrow to my comrades-in-arms who were stuck in their bastion of civilization. It wasn't personal truth, but it was better than saying you were from Skokie.

So I returned to Asmara feeling better about things. I was pleased that the Army had delivered me to East Africa, but at the same time in the back of my mind I felt a gnawing tinge of regret. I was sorry Special Services had cancelled that flight to India. You never know, the Guru might just have it.

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Highly qualified high school graduates can now enlist in the Army's NCO Candidate Courses. Men enlisting for this purpose for three or more years become eligible for accelerated advancement to grades E5 and E6 upon completion.





When USASAFS Bad Aibling's crest was being designed, a difficulty in finding a motto arose: the first one proposed, "Freedom Through Vigilance," already belonged to the Air Force. Undaunted the motto-makers focused their attention on the working man and created "Sentinels of Freedom." The lightning flash mirrors ASA's concern with communications while the bayonet symbolizes the close relationship between the Infantry and the Agency. The flower is an edelweiss, a flower that adorns the foothills of the Bavarian Alps—home of the Bad Aibling field station.